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of the Principles of
Christian Religion.

Gathered out of the holy
Scriptures, for the benefit of
all that are desirous to heare
Sermons, and to receyue
the Sacraments with
Comfort.

Reviewed by the Author.

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TO MY DEARE AND
WELL-BELOVED HEA-
ters : the Congregation of Steeple,
Ashton, and Semington, in Wilt-
shire : Grace and Peace, &c.

Brethren, mine hearts delight and Pray-
er unto God for you is, that you might be
saued. For God is my record, how I long Rom. 10.
after you all, from the very heart-root, in Je-
sus Christ, since the day that I came amongst
you : not ceasing to pray for you, that you may
be fulfilled with the knowledge of his will, in Phil. 1. 8.
all wisdom & spirituall understanding, that
you may walke worthy of the Lord, and please
him, in all things, beeing fruitfull in all good Coloss.
workes, and increasing in the Knowledge of 1.9.10.
God : for the better building of you vp,
in the which true sauing Knowledge,
together with my vsuall course of Tea-
ching, I haue especially laboured in
Catechising of you, considering how I
found you, at least wise, the greatest
part of you; such who albeit concerning
the time ought to haue ben Teachers, yet had
neede to be taught againe the first Principles Heb. 5. 2
of the word of God, and had need of Milke,
and not of stronger meate. Experience
sheweth how little Preaching profiteth
where Catechising is neglected. There-
fore my care hath beene (according to

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my poor power) to make you acquainted with the grounds & principles of Religion: that so a good foundation being layd, I might haue hope of a more prosperous buylding. Wherin as I cānot but with thankfulnessse acknowledge your good beginning, and willing forwardnes, to submit your selues to that religious actiō, so I cānot but with grief admire the back-slyding of some amōgst you, who beginne to draw their necks out of this yoake, and wilfully oppose themselues against the same! To whom I may iustly speak, as the Prophat did of vntamed rebellious Ephraim: *O Ephraim what shall I doe vnto thee? O India, how shall I entreat thee? Am I therefore become your enemies, because I seeke the good of your soules?*

Hos. 6.4. Or what will they plead for themselves, *Why they are so soone remooved from their good beginning?* Was it because they

Gal. 4. 16. be discouraged by the skofs and taunts of prophane Ismaelites? It is a blessed thing to bee euill spoken of for Christ

Gal. 1. 6. Jesus? Or was it because they were ashamed publikly in the face of the congregation to make Confession of their Faith? Oh, but the Apostle telleth them

Mat. 5. 10. that they should be alwayes ready to give an

1. Pet. 3. 15. answer to any who shall aske them a reason of the

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the Faith that is in them: and therefore much more to their owne Pastor, that he may see their profiting in Religion, and that publicuely in the cōgregation that others may reape profit by their examination. Or was it because their instructions were onely written notes, which they who could not write could not read, and therefore could not be so ready for their answer? If this be it: Lo here for the ease of mine own paines in writing, and their more easie reading, I haue caused to be printed this *Briēfe summe of the Principles of Religion*, gathered out of the holy Scriptures, which hitherto hath bin the subiect of my Catechising amongst you. Let no man censure me that I haue light my Torch in the midſt of ſo glorious a Sunshine, & haue presumed to ſet forth theſe my indigested collections, ſo many worthy Catechismes being already published. For to you my deare and well-beloued hearers, as a token of my good-will towards you, and a memoriall of that doctrine which for theſe five yeeres ſpace I haue taught amongſt you) I doe commend this little Treatife, the ſumme of that which both in my Preaching & catechising I haue taught vnto you: In the

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handling wherof, I haue endeauored to
my power to be plain, simple, short, and
profitable: abstaining from curious and
hard questions, and bringing the ques-
tions and answers to as few words as I
could, for the ease of children and com-
mon people: wherefore, desiring to
heare of your profit, and the fruit of my
labour, I canot but of very loue and du-
tie exhort you, not only to take this my
labour in good part, but also to vse it a-
right, least it be a witnes against you in
the day of the Lord: Loe here I lay be-
fore you the Knowledge of the right
way of Saluation, protesting vnto you,
in the name of him that shal iudge both
quicke and dead, that the rehearsing of
the *Believe, our Lords Prayer, and the ten*
Comandements, the hearing of the *Word*,
and the receiuing of the *Sacraments* can
profit nothing vnto Saluation, without
the right vnderstanding, and applying
of the same to our selues in particular.
If therfore you wil not receive this light
of knowledge when it is offered vnto
you, I call heauen and earth to witnes-
against you, if ye shall surely perish, your
bloud will bee required at your owne
hands. But I am perswaded better things of
you, and such as account any saluation; I

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am perswaded that like faithfull *Abraham*, you will teach your children and your households, and command them to serue the Lord. That you wil by oftē instructions and examinations out of this or any other Catechisme, you will prepare your children and seruants for the minister, that he may the better prepare both you and them for the Lord. What need you haue of this cōtinuall exercise in your houses, ye your selues and I by experience cā beare witnes: How great & grosse is the ignorance of many, notwithstanding the clear light of the gospel so long shining amongst vs? Let vs therefore every one of vs in our places, endeavour that the Word of Christ may dwell Coloss. 3. plenteously in vs, teaching & admonishing our 16. selues, in Psalmes, & Hymnes, and spirituall songs, & let us exhort one another daily, least any of vs be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Finally (Brethren) striue forward unto Heb. 3. perfection, be of good confort, live in peace. And 13. the very God of peace sanctifie you throughout, 2. Cor. that your whole spirite, and soule, and body, 15. 11. may be kept blamelesse unto the comming of 1. Thes. 5. OVR L O R D I E S U S C H R I S T. 22.

Amen.

Your vnworthy Pastor.

G. Webb.

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the Principles of Chri-
stian Religion.

Of Christian Religion, and
the Scriptures.

SECT. I.

Christian
Religion,
what it is.
Acts. II.

Question.

VVhat Religion do you profess?
Answer. Christian Religion.

26. *Quest.* What is Christian Religion?
Joh. 17.3 *Answ.* Christian Religion is the true
Ro. 10.9. Professing, Believing, and following of
Joh. 5. 36 those things which are taught and com-
Scripture. manded by God in the Scriptures.

Heb. 9.1. *Qu.* What do you call the Scriptures?
and 15. *Ans.* The written Word of God, con-
Their parts tained in the Bookes Canonickall of the
Old Testa- Old and New Testament.

ment. *Qu.* What do you call the old Testament?
Luke. 24. *Answer.* The Olde Testament is the
44. fore-part of the Bible, containing in it
Hebr. .: the Bookes of Moses, the Psalms, and the
Pro-

Of the Scriptures.

Prophets, with the other Canoncall Histories and Treatises, which were written before the coming of our Saviour Christ in the flesh. (ment: Newe Testament: 2. Qu. Which do you call the Newe Testament.

Aus. The Newe Testament is the latter part of the Bible, containing in it the Bookes of the Gospell, the Actes of the Apostles, and their Canoncall Epistles. 2. 2.

Qu. How shall wee knowe whether these Bookes of the Scriptures, are the very Word of God, or no?

Aus. Besides the testimony of Gods holy Spirit, which doth assure the same unto our soules and Consciences, there are many reasons to confirme vs in the certaintie thereof. Their cre-
dit and
Warrant. 1. John 15. 26. John. 16.

Qu. What is your first reason? 13. Ioh. 5. 36
1. Aus. The powerfull operation of the Word contained therein, they beeing powerfull to binde the Conscience, and to pierce into the very thoughts of the heart, which no other writings are able to doe: and therfore this must needs be the very Word of GOD. Ierem. 23. 29. Hc. 4. 12.

Qu. What other reasons haue you to confirme you in this?

Aus. The generall consent and impartialitie of the Peane-men of the same: 2. Pet. 1.

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Of the Scriptures.

Matt. 22. Ioh albeit they liued soone long after o-
thers, and wrote in places farre distant
one from the other, yet their writings do
so well agree as if they had written at one
time, and all together.

Qu. What other reason haue you yet
to prooue the Scriptures to be the very
Word of God?

Ans. The certaine and infallible truth
of these things which are contayned in
the same: there being nothing fore-told
but in his due place and time is accor-
dingly fulfilled.

Jerem. 36 **Qu.** Shew me yet some other reason
to confirme you in it.

Ans. The myracleous preservation of
these Books from time to time: the com-
mon consent of the Church of G D D,
acknowledging these Books for no other
but the sacred Word of God, and the te-
stimony of Martyrs, who haue shed their
bloud in defence of the things contayned
therein, which doubtlesse they would not
haue done, had they not bene fully as-
sured that they had bene the very word of

Their suffi-

ficiency.

Qu. Doth the Scriptures containe in
Deut. 12. them all things necessary to be known
32. of vs vnto saluation?

Ans.

Of the Scriptures.

Ans. *Pea.* : for God being full of all wisdom and goodness, prescribing vnto us a Booke of knowledge, woulde leane nothing that was requisite for vs to know. *Esa. 8.20*
John. 20.
2.Tim. 3.

Ques. What must wee doe with the *Scriptures?* *16. 17.*
Their Use.

Ans. Wee must read them, heare them, meditate in them, and live according to the direction of them. *De. 6.6.7*
Mat. 13.9
Psal. 1.1.

Qu. May all read the *Scriptures?* *Psal. 119.*
Answ. Pea. *105.*

Qu. Why? *Acts. 17.*
Ans. First, because every one must be able to prove and examine mens Doctrines and dwyngs by the *Scriptures.* *1 Cor. 13*
Secondly, every one must be able to proue and trye himselfe, whether hee be in the *Faith* or no. Thirdly, because every one must be able to render an account of the *Faith* that is in him. Lastly, because every one must bee able as his calling requireth, to teach, admonish, exhort, and comfort one another. *1 Pet. 3.*
He. 3.12.
Acts. 16.

Qu. What if men cannot read? *14.*

Ans. Then they must vse the helpe of those that can read.

Qu. Is it enough to reade the *Scriptures* priuately, or with others? *Act. 9.31*

Answ.

Of the Scriptures.

Ans. No: But we must also heare them taught and Expounded vnto vs, publikely in the Church.

Quest. Why must Preaching be ioyned with Reading?

Rom. 10. Answer. Because it is the principall

14. and proper meanes to beget faith with in vs.

Quest. How many things are requisite to him that would bee a good Hearer or Reader of the Word.

Rules for Ans. Four things especially.

Reading Quest. Which be they?

and Hear- An. First, a trembling feare of the
ring. Maiestie of GOD: Secondly, an assu-
Esai. 66.2 sed faith in CHRIST: Thirdly,
Hebr. 4.2 an earnest endeauor to frame our liues
Ezech. thereaftre: And lastly, Prayer for Gods

33.32. Blessing vpon those things which we
Acts. 16. Reads or Heare.

14. Quest. What is the Summe of that
which the Scriptures doe propose vnto
vs?

Ioh. 17.3 Answ. The right knowledge of God,
and of our selues.

SECT.

Of God.

SECT. II.

Of GOD and our Creation, with
Man's first Estate.

Question.

VVHat is G.O.D?

Answ. God is a Spirit, or spirit, G.O.D :
tuall Substance, most Wise, most Holy, What he is
Eternall, Infinite. Ioh. 4.24

1. Tim. 1.

Quest. How shall I knowe whether there be a God or no? 17.

Answer. Besides the testimony of the Scripture, mine owne Conscience, & all the Creatures of the world do plainly conuince that there is a God, which made them all, and before whose Judgement Heate I must answer for what I doe. 17.

Qu. How many Gods be there?

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Ans. There is but one only God. 1. Cor. 8.

Quest. Is not God the Father, God: 6.
and God the Sonne, God: and God the Holy Ghost, God? Deut.6.4
1. Joh. 5.7

Answer. Yes.

Qu. Are there not then three Gods & Persons in the God-

Ans. There are three Persons in the God-head, and yet but one God.

head.

Qu.

Of God.

Qu. What is a Person in the Trinitie?

Ans. It is a distinct substance, having the whole Godhead in it.

Ioh. 15.1 *Qu.* How many Persons be there?

Ioh. 14.9 *Ans.* Three.

Haggai.2 *Qu.* Which be they?

6. *Ans.* The Father, the Sonne, and the Holy Ghost.

Ioh. 5. *Qu.* What is the Father?

7. *Ans.* The first Person of the Trinity, that of himselfe eternally hath begotten his onely Sonne.

Psal. 2.7. *Qu.* What is the Sonne?

Ioh. 14.1 *Ans.* The second Person in the Trinity,

Heb. 1.3. *Ans.* that in the unicity of Essence is e-

The Sonne eternally begotten of the substance of his

Ioh. 2.1. *Ans.* Father.

Hebr. 1.3. *Qu.* What is the Holy Ghost?

The Holy Ghost. *Ans.* The third Person in the Trinity,

Ans. proceeding eternally from the Father

Ioh. 14.2. *Ans.* and the Sonne.

26. *Qu.* Is not the Father greater then

Rom. 8.9. the Sonne, and the Sonne greater then

the Holy Ghost?

John. 14.9. *Ans.* No: for their glorie is all equall,

22. and 23. and their Maiestie coeternal.

26. *Qu.* How is God made knowne vnto

How God vs. *Ans.* vnto us, and to all men.

is couened *Ans.* By his Works, Word, & Spirit.

by vs. *Qu.*

Of God.

Qu. What be the works of *GOD*? Ro. 1.29.
Ans. The Creation of the World, and
every thing therein, and the preservation
of them, beeing Created, by his speciall
Providence. Ioh. 5.39. Ro. 8.16.
Ier. 10.12. Psal:33.6

Qu. Who Created the Worlde, and
all the Creatures therein? Gen. 1.1.
Answer. *GOD*.

Quest. Whereof did he Create them?
Ans. Of nothing, onely by his *Word*. Gen. 1.2.
Quest. In how many dayes did hee
Create them? He. 11.3.

Ans. In sixe dayes. Gen. 2.1.

Qu. Could not hee haue finished the
Creation sooner?

Ans. Yes, if it had pleased him.
Quest. Wherfore then did hee occu-
pie sixe dayes in the Creation of them?

Ans. To the ende that we might the Ro. 1.10.
better consider him in his *Works*.

Quest. In which of these sixe dayes
was Man created? Ge.1.26.

Ans. In the first day,
Quest. Whereof was man made? Gen.2.7.

Ans. His Body was made of the dust
of the Earth, into which the Lordbre-
athed the breath of Life.

Qu. In what estate was man created? Gen.1.27
Answer. He was Created in the Image

Of the Creation.

Image of G D D.

Ephes. 4. **Quest.** What is the Image of God?
24. **Ans.** Perfect Holinesse, and Righte-
ousnesse.

Ephes. 2. **Quest.** To what end, or why was Man
Created?

10. **Ans.** To acknowledge and serue his
Maker.

Quest. What libertie had they to obey
his will?

Ans. They had free-will, to obey and
disobey.

Ge. 1.27. **Quest.** What profit had they by their
obedience?

Ans. They were blessed and happy in
bodie and soule.

SECT. III.

Of the Fall of our first Parents: of Mans
second Estate: of the Law: and our
impossibility to keepe the same.

Question.

Doe wee continue still in that our
first Estate?
Eph. 2.1. **Ans.** No, but by Nature we are dead in
2. Tim. 3. sinnes, having in vs the seed of all sinnes.
6.

Quest.

Of the fall of our first Parents.

Quest. How commeth this to passe,
seeing wee were so perfectly Created?

Ans. By the Fall of Adam.

Quest. What was Adams Fall? Ro. 5.12.

Ans. Disobedience against GOD;
in eating the forbidden fruit. Ge. 2.17.

Qu. What moued them to this disobedience? Ge. 3.1.2

Ans. Sathan, & they^z own inconstancie.

Qu. How did Sathan perswade them?

Answ. Hee perswaded them that God Gen. 3.5.
did entice their happinesse: that no danger,
but much good, would come of the
eating of the forbidden fruit.

Qu. How could they be perswaded,
having the Image of God?

Ans. They had the Image of God, but Gen. 2.17
not the gift of Constancie.

Quest. What things did they loose
through their Fall?

Ans. The favour and Image of GOD, Gen. 3.17
with the use of the Creatures.

Qu. What did they procure to themselves
by their Fall?

Ans. Death of Body and Soule, with Ro. 5.14.
all other miseries. Gal. 3.10

Quest. But what is that to vs: How
commeth it to passe, that our Nature is
corrupted?

Of the fall of our first Parents.

Ans. By naturall Propagation, from
our first Parents.

Quest. How so?

Answe. They being the stocke and the
Job. 14. roote of all mankinde, and we the Bran-
Psalm. 51 ches proceeding from them, our pasture
Rom: 5. was so corrupted in them, that fro thence
12. 18. we are all conceyned and borne in ori-
ginall sinne.

Quest. What is Originall sinne?

Col. 3.9. Ans: The Corruption of the Whole
Job.14. Nature, by naturall Propagation descri-
ued unto vs.

Quest. In whome is this Corruption of Nature?

Ro:3.10. Ans. In all men without exception
that proceed out of the loins of Adam.

Gen. 6.5. *quest.* In what part of man is it.

1. Thef: Answer. In euery part both of Bodie
5.23. and Houle.

Ques. What bee the Fruites of this
Originall Sinne?

Ioh. 13. 2 Ans. Evil thoughts in the mind, &
Acts. 5. 3 evil motions and lusts in the heart, evil

1. Chron. words and deeds, with all other **Sinnes**,
which we doe comitt.

Guest. How do you

Ques. How doe you knowe that you
are a Sinner.

Ro. 2.15. Ans. By the testimonie of mine owne
Con-

Of the Commandements.

Conscience, and by the Law of God.

Ques. Where is this Lawe of God set downe?

Answ. It is written in many places of the Scriptures, but the summe thereof is contained in the tenne Commande-
ments. Exod. 20

Ques. How many Commandements bee there in this Law?

Ans. Tenne.

Ques. Rehearse them.

Ans. G D spake these words and said: I am the Lord thy G D, which brought thee out of the Land of Egyp, out of the house of Bondage. Exod. 20

1. Thou shalt haue none other Gods, but me.

2. Thou shalt not make to thy selfe any grauen Image, nor the likenesse of any thing that is in Heaven aboue, or in the Earth beneath, or in the water vnder the Earth: thou shalt not bowe downe to them, nor worship them: For I the Lord thy God am a Jealous God, and visite the sinnes of the Fathers vpon the Children, vnto the thirte and fourth generation of them that hate mee, and shew mercie vnto thousands in them that loue mee, and keepe my Commandements.

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Of the Commandements.

3. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vaine: for the Lord will not holde him guiltlesse, that taketh his Name in vaine.

4. Remember that thou keepe holy the Sabbath day. Sixe dayes shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do: but the seauenth day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt doe no maner of worke, thou, and thy sonne, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maide-servant, thy Cattell, and the stranger that is within thy gates: For in sixe dayes the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the Sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seauenth day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seauenth day, and halowed it.

5. Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy dayes may be long in the Land, which the Lord thy God giueth thee.

6. Thou shalt doe no murther.

7. Thou shalt not commit Adulterie.

8. Thou shalt not steale.

9. Thou shalt not beare false witness
against thy Neighbour.

10. Thou shalt not couet thy Neigh-
bours House, thou shalt not couet thy
Neigh-

Of the Commandements.

Neighbours wife, nor his seruant, nor his Maide, nor his Dre, nor his Asse, nor any thing that is his.

Qu. What thing doe these Commandments teach vs ? Matt. 22. 40.

Ans. They doe teach vs our dutie both to God and man.

Quest. How be the Commandements deuided ?

Ans. Into two Tables or parts.

Exod. 23

Quest. How many Commandements are there in the first Table ? 15.

Ans. Four.

Qu. How many of the second ?

Ans. Five.

Qu. What doe the Commandements of the first Table teach vs ?

Ans. Our dutie towards God. Matt. 22.

Quest. What is the generall summe of our dutie vnto God ? 37.

Answ. We must loue the Lord our GOD, with ali our heart, with ali our soule, and with ali our minde : perfec-
ting such inward and outward Obedi-
dence vnto him, as hee requyseth to the
honour of his Name. Deut. 6.6

Qu. What doe the commandements of the second Table teach vs ?

Ans. Our duty towards our Neighbores.

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Qu

Of the Commandements.

Qn. What is the summe of our dutie towards our Neighbour?

Answer. Wee must loue our Neigh-

Matt. 22. hour as our selfe, yelding them that

38.39. Love, Reverence, and Obedience, which

Ro. 13.7. they place require, and endeouering to

Ro. 12.15. preserue (as much as in vs lyeth,) the

1. Thessa. Persons, Chastitie, Goods, and good

4.3. Name, both of our selues and others,

Gal. 5.13 and by abstaining from all covetous and

Psal. 15.3 vngodly desires.

1. Tim. 1. *Question.* Can wee keepe these Com-

5. mandements without breaking them, in thought, word, or deede?

Ans. No: For beeing by Nature

Eph. 2.3. borne and conceyued in sinnes, wee are

Rom. 7. not onely vnsufficient to doe any good

18.19. things, but also disposed to all Vice and

wickednesse.

Quest. Is not God then vniust, to giue such a Lawe vnto vs which wee are not able to keepe?

Ans. No: For when God created vs,

Ge. 1.27. hee made vs able for to keepe his Law, wee

Hos. 13.9 being changed and made weake through

sinne, the fault is our owne.

Quest. To what ende then serueth the Lawe, seeing wee are not able to keepe it?

An. To

Of the Commandementss.

Answer. To shew our miserie, to lead vs unto *CHRIST*: and to be a rule for the well ordering of our liues. Rom. 3.9 Phil. 3.9. Gal. 3.24

Quest. What is the punishment due to those that breake these Commandements?

Answer. Eternall destruction both of Body and Soule. Ro. 5.12. Gal. 3.10

Quest. Is the Curse due to vs all?

Ans. Yea: for all have sinned, and we do all breake these Commandements, in thought, word, and deede. Ro. 3.10. Psal. 13.3

Quest. Can we our selues by our owne good workes make satisfaction for our finnes?

Answ. No: But rather we doe daily increase our debt. Lu. 17.10

Quest. Can there none of the Creatures in Heauen or Earth, beeing onely creatures, make satisfaction for vs?

Answ. No: for there is none that is onely a Creature, which can abide the wrath of God against sinne, and deliver others from the same. Psal. 49.7

SECT.

Of our Redemption.

SECT. IIII.

*Of our Redemption: Mans
third Estate.*

Question.

How then doe you looke to be saued?

Ans. By **I E S U S C H R I S T.**

Qu. Who is this Iesus Christ?

Heb. 2. 16 Answ. The Eternall Sonne of God,
Ioh. 1. 14 perfect God, and perfect Man.

Quest. Must hee needs bee both God
and Man?

Answer. Yea.

Quest. Why?

2. Tim. 2. vs, and **G O D** cannot dye, therefore he
5. 6. must needs be Man: Secondly, he must
Gal. 4. 4. overcome Death, which beeing onely
Phil. 2. 7. Man, hee could not doe, therefore he must
be **G O D.**

Quest. How was hee made Man?

Mat. 1. 18 Answer. Yee was conceyued in the
Wombe of the Virgin, and sanctified by
the Holy Ghost at his Conception.

Quest. By whom was hee conceyued?

Answ.

Of our Redemption.'

Ans. By the Holy-Ghost.

Mat. 1.20

Qu. Why was hee conceyued by the
Holy-Ghost?

Ans. That hee might be without sinne,
and so sanctifie vs. Lu. 1.35.

Quer. Why was hee made man, like
vnto vs?

Ans. That hee might dye for vs, in our
owne Nature. Joh. 1.16

Quer. Of whom was hee borne?

Ans. Of the blessed Virgin Marie. Lu. 1.17.

Qu. Had the Virgin Marie any thing
to doe in the Redemption of vs?

Ans. No.

Quer. Why then is she named in the
Gospell?

Answer. That wee might knowe our
SAUIOVR IESVS CHRIST to
come of the Promised-Tribe & Familiē.

Quer. Of what Tribe and House was
hee promised?

Answer. Of the Tribe of Iudah, and Genes.
House of Dauid. 49.10.

Qu. What bee the Offices of Christ,
to make him an All-sufficient Sauiour?

Ans. Hee is a Priest, a Prophet, and a King
for vs. Lu. 4.18,

Qu. Why is hee our Priest? De. 18.15

Ans. To worke the means of Salua. Psalm. 10

Of our Redemption.

Ques. In the behalfe of Mankinde.

Ans. How doth he worke the meanes
of our Saluation?

Matt. 20. *Ans.* First, by making satisfaction to
28. his Father for the sinne of Man: *He-*
He. 7.25. Secondly, by making Intercession for him.

Ques. How doth he make this Satis-
Acts. 20. faction to his Father for vs?

28. *Ans.* First, by his perfect Righteous-
2. Cor. 5. nes and obedience, in performing all that
15. the Law required: Secondly, by suffering
Isa. 53.10 for vs, that which out sinnes deserved.

Ques. Under whome did hee suffer?

Luc. 3.1. *Ans.* Under Pontius Pilate, the chief

Matt. 27. Scuernour at that time, for the Roman
Emperour at Jerusalem.

Ques. What death did hee suffer?

John. 19. *Ans.* He was crucified upon the Crosse.

18. *Ques.* Wherefore did hee suffer that
kinde of Death?

Ans. Because that kinde of Death
Gal. 3.13 was most accursed, and hee was now to
sustaine our Curse.

Esa. 93.5 *Ques.* What was this his Suffering?

Matt. 26. *Ans.* In Body and Soule, hee sustai-
27. ned the whole wrath of GOD, due to
Phil. 2.5. the sinne of man.

6. *Ques.* Wherefore was hee Buryed?

Matt. 27. *Ans.* To assure vs the better of his
6c. 66. *Death.*

Ques.

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Quest. Wherefore did he arise from the dead?

Answer. To assure vs of his victorie o^r Matt. 28. over Death. 1 Cor. 15. 6.

Quest. Why did he ascend into Heaven before vs? 1 Cor. 15. 6. 17.

Ans. To take possession of our Inheritance in our name. 1 Cor. 15. 55. 56.

Quest. What doth hee there?

Ans. Hee maketh continuall Intercession for vs. (is this?) Ro. 8. 24.

Quest. What kinde of Intercession

Answ. A continuall mitigation of his Fathers wrath for vs, through the vertue of his Death, by which hee maketh the Faithfull and their Prayers, acceptable vnto his Father. 1. Pet. 2. 5.

Quest. Why is CHRIST our Prophet?

Ans. To reveale vnto his Church his way and meanes of Saluation. Joh. 6. 45.

Quest. How doth hee this?

Answ. By the outward Ministerie of his Word, and the inward operation of his holy Spirit. March. 3. 17.

Quest. Why is hee our King?

Answer. That hee might bountifullly bestowe vpon vs, and conuey vnto vs all the meanes of our Saluation, and beare rule vnto vs. Esai. 9. 7.

Quest.

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Quest. How doth he shewe himselfe to be our King?

Ans. In that beeing dead and buried,

Act. 10. he rose againe from the Graue, ascended

40. into Heauen, and nowe sitteth at the

Eph. 4.8. right hand of his Father, with full power

Act. 1.9 and glory in Heauen.

Qu. What are the effects of all these actions of Christ vnto vs.

Lu. 1.61. *Ans.* They haue wrought our Redemp-

Ro. 8.34. tion, Saluation, and Sanctification.

Eph. 4.22 *Quest.* What is our Redemption.

Ro. 5.15. *Ans.* A delivery of vs from sinne, and

16. the punishment thereof, and restoring vs

1. Cor. 15 to a better and more happy Estate.

4. *Quest.* VVherein doth our Saluation consist?

Coloss. 2. *Ans.* In Remission of our sinnes, Im-

13. putation of Christs Righteousnes vnto

Ro. 5.28. vs, and bestowing of life Everlasting vpon vs.

Quest. VVhat is Sanctification?

Ans. It is a freedom within vs, from

Eph. 4.22 the bondage of Sathan, and a renewing

Col. 3.8. of vs vnto newnesse of life.

Quest. Are all men without exception, partakers of this benefite of Redemp-

Matt. 20. tion and Saluation?

16. *Ans.* No: For the greatest part shall haue

Of our Redemption.

have their portion in Hell-fire, with the Mat. 7.13
Dinell and his Angells.

Quest. Who are they then that shall
be saved by Christ.

Ans. Dutely the true Believers, which Ioh. 3.16
lay holde on the merites of Christ, by a Ioh. 1.22
true and lively Faith.

SECT. V.

*Of Faith, and the Articles
of our Belief.*

Question.

VVhat is Faith?

Answer. Faith is a wondre-
full Grate of God, by which a man doth
apprehend and applye C H R I S T and John. 19.
all his benefites vnto himselfe. Gal. 3.27
35. Col. 2.22

Quest. How doe wee applye Christ
vnto our selues in this Faith?

Ans. When wee are verily perswaded
by the Holy Spirite of Gods fauour to, 1. Cor. 1.
wards our selues particularly, and of the 21. 22.
forgiueneresse of our owne sinnes. Ro. 8.16.

Quest. How is this assurance wrought
within vs.

Ans.

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Rom. 8. Answ. By Gods holy Spirit, sealing
15. 16. the same to our soules and consciences.

Qu. What meanes doth the Spirite of
God vse, to worke this within vs.

Ans. First, by working in vs a sight of
Act. 2. 37 our sinnes, and sorrow for them: then,
1. Tim. 1. by working certaine inward motions in
15. the Heart, which are the seedes of Faith:
Rev. 21. 6 and lastly, filling our hearts with the as-
Act. 8. 22 surance of his loue in *CHRIST*, which
assurance is a lively Faith.

Quest. Are there not diuers Degrees
and measures of true Faith?

Ans. Yes: for there is a weake Faith,
and there is a strong Faith.

Qu. What is the least measure of true
Faith that a man can haue?

Ans. When a man of an humble spirit,
Esa. 4. 2. 3 by reason of the littlenesse of his Faith,
Matt. 17. doth not yet seale the assurance of the for-
20. givenesse of his sinnes, and yet is per-
Luc. 17. 5 swaded that they are pardonable, and
therefore desireth that they should be par-
doned, and with his Heart longeth for
pardon for them.

Quest. How doe you know that such
a man hath Faith?

Ro. 8. 22. Answ. These desires and Prayers are
Gal. 4. 6. Testimonies of the Spirit: now wheres
the

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the Spirite of Christ is, there is Christ Ephes. 3.
dwelling : and where Christ dwelleth, 17.
there is true Faith, how weake soever Rom. 8.9
it be.

Qu. What is the greatest measure of
true Faith.

Ans. When a man daylie increasing in
Faith, commeth to be fully perswaded of Ro. 8.28.
Gods loue in Christ, towards himselfe Cant.8.
particularly, and the forginenessse of his 6,7.
owne sinnes.

Quest. When shall a Christian heart
come to this full assurance?

Ans. Not at the first, but in some conti-
nuance of time, when he hath bene well
practised in Repentance, and hath had di-
uers experiences of Gods loue to him in
Christ : then will appeare in his heart
the fullnesse of perswasion, which is the
ripenesse and strength of faith.

Quest. How shall a man know whether Mat. 7.16
he hath this true Faith in him or no?

Ans. By the fruits and marks thereof. 2.Cor. 7.

Qu. Which be the fruits and marks 11.
of Faith.

Ans w. An hatred of sinne, and loue of 13.
Righteousnesse, a continuall desire and Psal. 119.
endeauor to please GOD, in the duties 13,
commanded, and an unsayned loue of Matt. 22.

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God and our neighbour.

Ques. Rehearse the summe of your Beliefs.

Answer. I beleue in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heauen and Earth, and in Jesus Christ his onely Sonne our Lord, which was Conveyued by the Holie Ghost, borne of the Virgin Marie, suffered vnder Pontius Pilate, was Crucified, dead, and buryed, hee descended into Hell, the third day hee rose againe from the dead, hee ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence hee shall come to Judge the quicke and the dead. I beleue in the Holie Ghost, the holy Catholike Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgivenesse of sinnes, the Resurrection of the bodie, and the life Everlasting.

Ques. Into how many parts are these Articles of the Christian Faith diuided.

Ans. Into two parts.

Ques. Which bee they.

Answ. The first sheweth our Faith towards GOD: the second, our Faith concerning the Church.

Ques. What doe you profess in the first part?

Ans.

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Ans. In the first part I declare that I
believe in God the Father, the Sonne,
and the Holie Ghost.

Quest. Why say you, I believe, not
wee believe.

Ans. Because I must live by mine Habac.
owne faith, & not by the faith of another.

2. 4.

Qu. Why doe you say, I believe in
God; and not rather, I believe that
there is a God?

Ans. By saying, I believe in *GOD*, I
declare that I put my whole trust & af-
fiance in *GOD*; whereas the Diuell
and wicked men, believing there is a *lam. 2.19*
God, yet cannot put their whole trust
and confidence in *GOD*.

Quest. What doe you believe con-
cerning God the *FATHER*?

Ans. I believe that he is the Father of *Eph. 12.1*
CHRIST by nature, & my Father by *Hebr. 11.*
grace through him: that he is of Infi-
nite power & might, the Creator, Go-
uernour, and Preseruer, of all things,
both in Heauen and Earth.

3.

Quest. What do you believe concer-
ning God the *SONNE*?

Ans. I believe that hee is the *SAVI. Mat. 1.21*
OUR Promised, the only begotte sonne *Ro. 8. 29.*

C. of

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Phil. 2.7. of God, head to man and Angels: who
Luk. 1.35 for vs men, and for our salvation, toke
Luk. 2.7. our flesh vpon him, incarnate by the
Math. 27. holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and

Luk. 2.4. was made man, and was crucified

25.

also for vs vnder Pontius Pilate, suffe-
reth the death of the Crosse, and was
buried, he descended into hell, and the
third day he rose againe, according to
the Scriptures, and ascended into Hea-

uen, and sitteth on the right hand of
the Father, having all authoritie, and

Ps. 110,1 power over all things both in heaven,

1. Thel. 4. and earth: I believe also that he shall

16.

come at the day of Judgement, with

1. Cor. 15. maiestie and great glory, to judge

both the quick and dead, to pronounce

the blessed sentence vpon the godly, and

the sentence of condemnation vpon the

wicked.

Ques. What doe you believe con-

cerning God the holy Ghost?

Ans. I do believe that he is God, e-

Ioh. 15. quall with the Father and the Sonne

16.

who putteth all things in execution,

Eph. 2.20 which are decreed by Gods secret coun-

sell.

Ques. What benefits doe we receiue

from this holy Ghost?

Ans.

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Ans. The holy Ghost doth assure me Ro. 8. 15. that I am the child of God, by making me to call him Abba, father: Secondly Phil. 3. 19 he assureth me by virtue of the death & Ro. 12. 13 resurrection of Christ: that Sin dieth in me, and I am raysed vp to holines of life: Thirdly, hee leadeth me into all trath needfull to Gods glory and my saluation: and lastly, he comforteth me in al my troubles, and in death assureth me of a better life.

Quest. What is the holy Catholike Church, which you here confess?

Answer. A peculiar company of men, 1. Pet. 2. 9 predestinated to life everlasting, and Luke. 12. made one in Christ: 32.

Qs. What be the parts of this church?

Ans. The Church militant here on Eph. 3. 15 earth, and the Church triumphant in Heb. 12. heaven. 22.

Qs. Do wee believe in the Church?

Ans. No: for we must believe onely Deut. 6. in God.

Quest. What then do you believe of the Church?

An. That God hath a certain number of his chosen children, which hee hath Eph. 17. 4 predestinated to eternall life, and in his due time calleth & gathereth to himself? John: 15. 5.

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Quest. How doth God gather his Church ynto him selfe?

Ans. Whom he hath Predestinated, Ro. 8.30. them he calleth: whom he calleth, them he Justifieth: whom he Justifieth, them he glorifieth.

Quest. Why is this Church called the holy Church?

Ans. In respect of the Justification, & Sanctification of it in Christ Jesus. 1. Pet. 2.9

Qs. Why do you call it Catholique?

Ans. Because it is gathered from all parts of the earth, consisteth of all sorts and degrees of men: and was, is, and shall bee, to the end of the World. Esay. 49. 22. Matt. 26.

13. Quest. How may the Church of God externally be knowne of vs? 2. Pet. 7.9

Ans. By the true professing of the Word and Sacraments. John. 10.

27. Quest. What are the Prerogatiues or Benefites which God bestoweth vpon his Church.

Ans. They are especially these four: the Communion of Saintes, the Forginenes of Sinnes, the Resurrection of the Body, and Life everlasting.

Qs. What is this Communion of Saintes.

Ans. The mutual participation of Christ 18.

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and his graces amongst his members. Col. 1.12

Quest. What followeth vpon this Eph. 1.18
Communion ?

Ans. A spirituall Uning, Societie, & Act. 4.32
communion amoungst Christ his mebers. 2.Pet.1.7

Quest. May men bee ioyned with
Christ, and not with his Saints ?

Ans. No : nor yet with his Saints, 1.Ioh.1.6
if not with C H R I S T.

Quest. May wee separate our selues
from those particular churches where
the Word is retained, and the Sacra-
ments truely administred.

Ans. No : albeit sundry vices doe a-
bound there, yet woe may not wholly 1. Cor. 5.
condemne such churches, or make sepa- 11.
ration from them. Psal. 17.4

Quest. But the multitude are there 2.Pet. 2.8
wicked and prophane.

Ans. Yet there is a true Church, where
the Word truely remaineth. Eze. 18.

Qu. But by the way wee are bodily 4. & 20.
ioyned with the wicked. (them.

Ans. That cannot hurt vs nor profit 1. Cor. 3.

Quest. Why ? 8.

Ans. Because wee and they are spirit-
ually seperated. Gal. 6. 5.

Qu. What is the next benefit which

C 3 you

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you beleeue to bee giuen by God to
euyer member of his Church.

Answer. The forgiuenes of sinnes?

Q. What is the forgiunes of sinnes?

Esa.33.

Answ. It is a blessing of God vpon

24. his Church, procured by the death and

Esa.62.12 passion of Christ, whereby both the sin,

Rom.4.25 and the punishment due thereunto, is

Mic.7.19. stably forgiuen to the faithfull.

Q. How oft are our sines forgiuen
vnto vs?

Ans. Continually vnto our lites end.

Q. What look you for at the hands
of God after this life?

Ans. The resurrection of the body and
life everlasting.

Quest. What do you believe concer-
ning the Resurrection of the Body?

Ans. I beliere that this Body of

Job.19. mine after that it is dissolved into dust,

25. shall be rayed vp againe at the last day,

1 Cor.15. and both body and soule shall live tog e-

Ioh.5.28. ther for ever in everlasting blessednes.

Quest. With what body shall we rise
againe?

Ans. With the same bodies, but free
Job.19. from corruption and alteration.

26. Quest. Wherefore shall we rise again

Phil.3.21 with the same bodies?

That

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Ans. That they may receive reward Act. 3.19
with our soules.

Quest. What reward is that?

Ans. Life everlasting.

Quest. What is this life everlasting?

Ans. It is that blessed and happy estate which the faithfull shall enjoy after this life in heauen, where they shall raigne with Christ their Head, and enjoy the presence of God with endlesse happiness. Eze. 64.4. Ioh. 7.20. 1 Cor. 2.9

Quest. Shall all men haue this life everlasting?

Ans. No: for the wicked shall bee cast into Hell, therz to endure torments unspeakable both in body and soule so; 41 Mat. 8.12

ever.

Quest. Whereupon is your belief, concerning al these things grounded.

Ans. Upon the holy Word of God. Pro. 28.

Quest. What other outward means besides the word, haue you to encrease your Faith.

Ans. The Sacraments and prayer.

SECT. VI.

Of the Sacraments.

Question.

VVhat is a Sacrament?

Rom. 4. 1. Ans. A Sacrament is a sensible signe & visible seale of the benefits
Genes. 17. 12. of our saluation in CHRIST IESUS.

Gal. 3. 2. Quest. How doe the Word and Sacraments differ?

Mat. 13. 9. Ans. The Word speaketh to the eare, the Sacraments to the eyes.

Quest. VVhat neede haue wee of a Sacrament to represent the mercies of God before our eyes.

John. 20. Ans. Because we are dull to conceiue, 25. and slowe to belieue Heauenly things,

John. 19. unlesse by sensible and Earthly things 34. they be represented vnto vs.

1. Cor. 10. Quest. How many Sacraments be there?

1. 2. Ans. *Two Sacraments.

Matt. 28. Quest. VVhich be they? (Lord.

19.

Matt. 28. Ans. Baptisme, & the Supper of the 26.

26.

1. Cor. 10. Quest. Who ordained these 2. Sacraments.

24.

Ans. The Lord IESUS.

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Quest. To what end did hee ordaine them?

Ans. To strengthen our Faith, and to further our Repentance. *Ro. 4. 11.*

Quest. How many things are to be considered?

Ans. Two things: the outward signe, and the thing signified.

Quest. What is the Sacrement of Baptisme?

Ans. The Sacrement of Baptisme is an holy action, instituted by Christ: wherein, by the outward washing of Water, is represented washing away of our sinnes by the blood of Christ, and the Couenant of grace betweene God and vs. *Matt. 28. 19. Titus. 3. 5. Act. 22. 16. Galat. 3. 27.*

Quest. In the Sacrement of Baptisme, which is the outward signe?

Ans. Water.

Quest. What doth that signify.

Ans. The washing away of our sinnes by the blood of Christ. *Act. 1. 38. Eph. 5. 26*

Quest. How is your Faith strengthened by Baptisme?

Ans. By Baptisme I am receyued into the familie of the Lord, *I. Pe. 1. 2.* and

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and thereby fully assuted that both my
sinnen are forgiuen mee, and the pu-
nishment due unto the same.

Quest. Who are to be baptiz'd?

Act. 7.37. *Answ.* Onely the faithfull and their
silde.

Qu. Must the children of the faith-
full being infants be baptiz'd?

Ans. Yes.

Quest. Why?

Answ. First, because they belong
Gen. 17.7 to the Covenant and Church of God,
1 Cor. 12 as well as others: Secondly, forgiue-

13. nesse of sinnen, and the holy Ghost is

Act. 2.39. promised to them, as well as to o-

Mat. 19. thers: Thirdly, that there may bee a

14. difference made betwene them, and

Act. 10. the Children of Infidels: And lastly,

47. because Baptisme is come in the place

Ro. 11.16 of Circumcision. Now Infantes a-

Col. 2. 11. mongst the Jewes were circumcised,

1 Cor. 10. and therefore the Children of the

9. faithfull Christians being but Infants
are to be baptiz'd.

Quest. What doe you professse in
Baptisme.

Answ. To dye unto sinnes, and to

Mar. 26. liue unto righteousnesse: to forsake

16. the

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the Devil, the World, and the flesh,
and to live as it becommeth Christians.

Quest. What daunger is it not to
performe this our vow and promise
in Baptisme?

Answ. Fearefull damnation, be- Deu. 23.
cause it is a breach of the vow and co- 21.
uenant made with God. Eccl. 5.4.

Quest. What is the Sacrament of
the Lords Supper.

Answ. It is an holy action ordained
by Christ: wherein the Breade bro- 1 Cor. 11.
ken, and the Wine poured out, is 23.24.25.
delivered to all the faithfull, that they 26.27.28.
may eate of that Bread, and Drinke
of that Cup in remembraunce of Christs
death.

Quest. In this Sacrament which be
the Signes that may bee seene?

Answ. Bread and Wine.

Quest. What doe they signifie or re-
present?

Answ. The Body and Bloud of
Christ.

Quest. Is the Bread and VVine tur-
ned into the very Body and Bloud of
Christ.

Answ.

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Matt. 26. Ans. ^{26.} for Christ's Body and Blood is in heaven, and the Bread and Wine in their nature and substance are not changed, but in use they differ from other common bread and wine, because they be appointed of God to bee signes and Seales of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Matt. 26. Quest. Why then doth Christ say,

26. This is my body :

1. Cor. Ans. It is a figurative kinds of speech, usuall in the Scriptures, as Circumcisian is called the Covenant : the Lambe is called the Passeouer : and yet Circumcision is not the Covenant : the Lambe is not the Passeouer, but a Signe thereof.

Gen. 7.10 Exodus 12. 11. Quest. Wherefore doe we receive the Supper of the Lord.

1. Cor. Ans. In remembrance of his death
11. 26. and passion.

Quest. What good will this remembrance doe vnto vs.

1. Cor. Ans. It serveth to strengthen our
10. 26. Faith, and to shew vnto vs the spirituall vnioun which we have with Christ.

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Christ.

Quest. How is your Faith strengthened by the Supper of the Lord.

Ans. By the Supper of the Lord my Faith is strengthened, that as I receive the Bread and Wine into my body to become mine, so doth my Soul receive within Christ Jesus and all the benefits of his Death and Passion to be wholly mine.

Quest. What doth the breaking of the Bread signify unto vs.

Ans. The breaking and suffering of Christ's body upon the Cross.

Quest. What signifieth the pouring out of the Wine.

Ans. The shedding of Christ's blood even to the death.

Quest. What meaneth the giving of the Bread and Wine unto vs.

Ans. The giving of Christ's body and blood unto our souls.

Quest. What meaneth the taking of the Bread and Wine.

Ans. The spirituall receiving of Christ's body and blood.

Quest. What meaneth our corporall eating and drinking of the bread and

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and wince

Answ. Our spirituall feeding vpon
the body and bloud of Christ.

Quest. How doe we eate Christes bo-
dy and drinke his bloud.

John.6.51. Ans: Spiritually, and by Faith.

Quest. Declare how that is?

Ioh.6.40. Ans. It is with a certaine affiance
1 Ioh.4. of mind, to lay holde vpon the whole

I 3. Passion and death of CHRIST, there-

Rom.8.9. by to obtaine forgiuenesse of sinnes,
and Life eueralasting, and also to bee
spiritually vnitid vnto CHRIST,
that weare vnto his flesh, and bone
of his bone.

Question. Are all Persons without
exception, to be admitted to this Sa-
crament?

Answer. No.

Quest. VVho are not to be admit-
ted? to giving vnto them

Ans. Children, Ffooles, Maddes-
men, Ignorant Persons, knowene
heretickes, open and notorious sinners
not repenting.

Quest. VVhy are not these to bee
admitted?

Ans. Because they receyving it un-
wotthi-

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Worthy should eat and drinke they
owne damnation. 1. Cor. 11

Ques. What then is required of those
that would bee worthy Commu-
nicants?

Ans. They must trie and examine 1. Cor. 11
themselves. 1 Cor. 11 28.

Quest. Wherein must they ex-
amine themselves.

Ans. First, they must examine, Hos. 4. 6.
concerning their knowledge, what
knowledge they haue in the principles
of Religion, especially in the matter of
the Sacraments.

Quest. Wherein else must they ex-
amine themselves.

Answer. Concerning their repen-
tance whether they be heartily sorrow, Luk. 13. 1.
full for their sinnes past, purposing by
Gods assistance to leave their sins, and 57.
for the time to come, to live a better
life.

Quest. Wherein else must they ex-
amine themselves?

Answer. Concerning their faith, Heb. 11. 6
whether they haue a true faith or
not: for without faith it is impossi-
ble to please GOD, and whatsoever
is

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is not of Faith, is Sinne.

Ques. VVhat further examination
must be vfed before the receyuing of
this Sacrament?

Mat. 5. 23

Mat. 18. 35

Rom. 12.

Answer. They must examine them-
selves concerning their loue, whether
they be in perfect loue and charitie with
all men, seeking Reconciliation where
any thing hath bene amisse.

Ques. After this examination, what
must followe in those that would bee
worthy Communicants?

Ezec. 36.

21.

Ier. 31. 31.

Answer. A Pre-meditation, or se-
rious Consideration of the Benefites
signe-h and sealed vnto vs, in the Sa-
crament which wee are about to Re-
ceyue.

Ques. How must wee be disposed
in the present act of Receyuing?

Ecc. 4. 17

Pro. 23. 1.

Answe. We must present our selves
with reverence before the Lord, setting
our Senses and Faith a-worke, on the
Meditation of C H R I S T E S bitter
Passion, and his merites for vs, in the
Sacrament represented vnto vs.

Ques. VVhat is to bee done after
our Receyuing?

Ps. 116. 12.

Answe. We must give hearty thanks
vnto

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Unto God for this inestimable benefite
which we haue receyued, in being par-
takers of this so holy a banquet, and
resolute to leade a new life, as hauing
renued our Covenant with the Lord,
for that purpose.

Rom. 12. 1.
1 Pet. 1. 17.
18. et 2. 5. 9
10.

Ques^t. What shall a true receyuer
feele in himselfe after the receyuing
of the Sacrament.

An. The encrease of his Faith in 1 Cor. 10. 16
Christ, the encrease of Sanctification, 17 et 11. 24
a greater meastre of dying to sinne,
and a greater care to liue in newnesse
of life.

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Question.

VVHat is the other helpe you haue to encrease Faith?

Ans. Prayer.

Quest. VVhat is Prayer?

Ans. Prayer is an humble lifting vp of the mind, and powring forth of the heart before God.

Quest. VVhat be the parts of Praier?

1. Tim. 1. 2. Ans. Invocation, Supplication, Intercession and Thanksgiving.

Quest. VVhat is Invocation?

Ans. That part of Prayer, whereby we beg at the hands of God, some good thing vnto vs.

Qu. VVhat is Supplication?

Ans. That part of Prayer, whereby we entreat God to remoue some euill from vs.

Quest. VVhat is Intercession?

Ans. That part of prayer, whereby we entreat the Lord to grant some good thing vnto our brethren, or to remoue some

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some euill from them.

Quest. VVhat is Thanksgiving?

Ans. That part of Prayer, whereby we render thanks to God for benefits bestowed either upon our selues, or our brethren.

Quest. To whom must we pray?

Answe. To God onely.

Que. In whose name must we pray? Rom. 10.14

Answer. In the name of Christ. Deut. 6.13.

Quest. Why must our prayers bee Psal. 50. made in his name? John. 14.6.

Answe. Because in him God is pleased with vs, and hath promised for his sake to heare vs. 1. Tim. 2.5. Heb. 9.6. 1. John 2.1.

Quest. May we not pray to Saints or Ephes. 3.12. Angels, or to the Virgin Mary, or to Reue. 19.10 God, in the name of a Saint or Angell;

Ans. No.

Quest. Why?

Ans. Because there is neither commandement nor promise, nor example for it in the Scriptures.

Quest. For whom must we pray.

Ans. For our selues, our Princes, 1 Tim. 2.1. our Magistrates, our Ministers, our James 5.13 Superiours, Inferiours, friends & foes, Mat. 5.44. such al that stand in need of our prayers. Rom. 12.14

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Quest. May wee not pray for the dead?

Psal. 49. 7. *Answ.* No: for such are idle & bothe-
leste Prayers.

Ioh. 16. 23. *Quest.* For what may we pray?

24. *Ans.* For all thinges needfull and

James. 1. 5. necessary both for body and soule.

Math. 7. 7. *Quest.* What affection is required of
vs in our Prayers?

Rom. 8. 26. *Answ.* You must pray with a zeal-

Hose. 7. 14. lous spirit, with heart and soule, and
not with cold affection and lip-labour.

Quest. May we not follow our own
fantasies in Prayer?

James 4. 3. *Ans.* No, for then our Prayers wold
be very vaine.

Quest. What rule hath God given
vs to direct vs in these our Prayers?

Answer. The Scriptures, & chieflie
the Lords Prayer.

Quest. Rehearse the Lords Prayer.

Ans. Our Father which art in Hea-
uen, Hallowed bee thy Name. Thy
Kingdome come. Thy will bee done
in earth as it is in Heauen. Give vs
this day our dayly Bread. And forgiue
vs our trespasses as wee forgiue them
that trespass against vs. And lead vs
not

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not into temptation, but deliver vs from evill: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for euer and euer. Amen.

Qwest. Is it lawfull for vs to vse no other forme of words in our praiers but these.

Answ. Wee may vse other words, but we must pray for the same things, and with the same affection, following the rules in the Lords Prayer prescri-
bed vnto vs.

Qwest. How is the Lords Prayer di-
vided?

Answer. Into thre parts: a Pre-
face to the Petitions, the Petitions
themselves, and a Conclusion.

Qwest. Which Words doe containe
the Preface.

Answ. These wordes, Our Father
which art in Heauen.

Qs. To what vse serueth the Pre-
face.

Answ. To prepare vs to pray aright. Eccles. 5.1.

Qwest. Wherefore doe we call God Psal. 26.6.
Father?

Answ. To assure vs of his god will Es. 49.15.
towards vs. Mat. 7.11.

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Qu. Why doe wee say our Father,
and not, my Father?

Math.5.44. Answ. To teach vs to pray for o-
2. Tim. 2.1. thers, as well as for our selues.

Quest. Wherefore doe wee say,
Which art in heauen?

Psal. 115.3. Answ. To signifie Gods readinesse
Psal.25.1. to heare our Prayers, and his ability to
grant our requests.

Qu. How many petition's are there
in the Lords Prayer?

Answer. Sixe.

Quest. How be they diuided?

Answer. The thre first concerne the
glory of God, the other thre our owne
necessities.

Pro.16.4. Q. Why are the Petitions thus placed

Mat.6.33. Answer. To teach vs that first we
are to seke Gods glory, and then af-
terward our owne necessities in our
Prayers.

Quest. Rehearse the first Petition.

Ans. Hallowed be thy Name.

Quest. What is heere meant by the
Name of God?

Exod.34.5. Answ. God himselfe, his Workes,
Rom.2. Words, Titles, Attributes, & what-
soever else, whereby hee is manifested
and

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Ques. What is heere meant by hal-
lowing of the Name of God?

Ans. The name of God is said to be
hallowed, when it is revealed, obserued, Leuit. 10.3
glorified, and truely honoured. Eze. 38.23.

Answer. What then doe we pray for
heere in this first Petition.

Ans. We do here pray, that Gods
Honour and Glory, Justice, Mercie, Psalm. 104.
Power, Wisedom, and Goodnes, may Rom. 1. 20.
truly be known, and duly extolled by
vs in heart, mouth, and deed.

Ques. What doe wee pray against in
this Petition?

Ans. We doe heere pray against Psal. 51, 15.
our owne naturall corruption, wants Psal. 119. 136
and imperfections, and against all pro-
faneness in our selues and others.

Ques. Rehearse the second Petition?

Answer. Thy Kingdome come.

Ans. What is meant by Kingdome
here?

Ans. By Kingdome heere is meant
the spirituall gouernment, whereby Mat. 13. 24
Christ ruleth in our harts by his Word Mat. 1. 14.
and Spirit, and doth prepare them for Isa. 11. 4.
the Kingdome of glory.

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Quest. What do we pray for here in this second Petition?

Ps. 51.10.¹²

Ans. Wee doe here pray that the Lord would raigne more and more in our hearts, enabling vs by his Holie Spirit to doe those things which are acceptable in his sight.

Qu. What else doe wee pray for here?

Ps. 122.6.
Esay 62.7.
Esa. 49.23.
2 Thes. 3.1.

Ans. Wee doe also here pray for the Church of God militant here on earth, and every particular member thereof, for King, Magistrates, Ministers, Schooles of learning, and all other meanes whereby Christes Kingdome may come unto vs.

Qu. What else doe we pray for here in this second Petition.

Rev. 22.20.
2. Tim. 4.8.

Ans. Wee doe here also pray, that the Lord would hasten his second coming, and finish these our dayes of sune, bringing vs to his Kingdome of glorie.

Quest. What do wee here pray against in this second Petition.

Rom. 7.24.

Ans. Wee doe here pray against our spirituall bondage vnder Sinne and Satyran: as also against the kingdome of

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of Antichrist, and whatsoeuer is opposed against Christes kingdome.

Quest. Rehearse the third Petition.

Ans. Thy will be done in earth, as Mat.6. 10.
it is in heauen.

Quest. What is here meant by Gods Will?

Answ. His holy Word, (which is his reuealed Will) written in the Bookes of the old and new Testa-
ment. John 6. 40. I Thes. 4. 3.
Phil. 3. 10.

Quest. When is Gods will done?

Ans. When truely it is acknowledg-
ed, and willingly obeyed and per- John 6. 29.
formed by vs.

Quest. Why is this clause added, As it is in heauen.

An. To stirre vs vp with more willingnesse, readinesse, and faithfulnessse, Reu. 19. 10.
to yeld obedience by the example of the Angels and heauenly Creatures.

Q. What pray we for then in this third Petition?

Ans. Wee doe here pray for the right knowledge of the will of God, and for grace, patience and strength to obey it, and to submit our owne wils unto it. Colof. 1. 13

Quest. What doe we pray against
in

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this third Petition?

Answ. We doe here pray against our
Psal. 86. 11. owne rebellious wills, our owne impa-
2. Sam. 15. cience, and whatsoever within vs is
26. repugnant to the will of God.

Quest. Rehearse the fourth Petition.

Matt. 6. 11. Answer. Give vs this day our daylie
Bread.

Quest. What is heere meant by
Bread?

Ans. All thing s nadfull for this pre-
Psal. 141. 10 sent life: as Food, Rayment, and what-
2. Kings. 6. 2 soever else is nadfull for the sustentati-
on of our life here in this world.

Qu. VVhy doe wee aske for all this
under the name of Bread?

Answ. To teach vs frugalitie and
1. Tim. 6. 8. Moderation, in our Dyt, Apparell,
Houses, and Houshold-suitures, and
to be content with a little, euen with
Food and Cloathing.

Qu. Why doe we call it, Our Bread,
seeing it is the gift of God?

1 Cor. 3. 22. Answer. Because wee aske no more
2. Thes. 4. 10 then is given unto vs, by Lawfull
meanees.

Quest. Why doe we say, Give vs; not,
Givemee?

Ans.

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Answ. Because we must be minded full of others as well as of our selues.

Ques. Why do we aske for this day onely?

Ans. To teach vs to be content with Prou. 30.1, the present Provision, and to depend Matt. 6.32. upon GOD daily.

Ques. What then in generall doe we pray for in this fourth Petition?

Answ. We doe here pray that God would graunt vs all things necessarie Psalm 37.5 for this present Life, and a contented Matt. 16.3. minde, always to rest vpon his blessed Providence.

Q. What do we here pray against?

Answ. All covetous desires, distrust, Psa. 119.36 and unlawfull meanes of Provision for 1 Tim. 6.10 our selues.

Ques. Rehearse the first Petition.

Answ. Forgiue vs our Trespasses, as we forgiue them that Trespass as Matt. 6.12. gaunt vs.

Ques. What is here meant by debts or Trespasses?

Answer. Our Sinneres, which (like Luke. 11.4. Debts,) doe binde vs at the Judgment Seate of God, and run in shone against vs.

Ques.

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Quest. What doe we pray for in this first Petition?

Mat. 5.7.

Answ. That God for Christ Jesus sake, would freely forgive vs all our sinnes whatsoeuer, or wheresoever committed against him.

Quest. Why is the condition here added, As we forgive, &c.

Luk. 11.4.

Mat. 18.22.

Answ. To put vs in minde of our duty, which is steeley to forgive al offences done vnto vs.

Quest. What doe wee pray against in this first Petition?

1 Cor. 6.7.

Answ. Wee doe here pray against all hardnes of heart, vnmercifulnes, and perseuerance in our sinnes.

Mat. 6.13.

Qn. Rehearse the sixt Petition.

Answ. Lead vs not into temptation, but deliuer vs from euill.

Quest. What is here meant by temptation?

Answ. The enticement of the heart James 1.13. or Soule, either by the corruption of Mans Nature, or the allurement of the World, or the Diuell, to any sinne.

Quest. What is meant by euill?

Answ. All the power of the flesh, the Diuell

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Divell and the World. 1 John 3.19

Quest. VVhat pray wee for in this
fixt Petition?

Answ. That God would not suffer psal.51. us
vs to bee ouercome by any temptati-
on of the flesh, the World, and the
Divell.

Quest Doth God leade any man to
wickednesse.

Answ. No: for that is contrary to James 1.13.
his Nature.

Quest. VVhy then do we aske this
of God?

Anf. Because no man is tempted
without his permission. 2. The. 2.11.

Quest. VVhen doth God permit me
to be tempted?

Anf. When he doth withdraw his Rom. 1.24.
grace from them, and leaueth them to
their owne hearts lusts.

Quest. VVhat doe we pray against
in this Petition?

Anf. We do heere pray against our
naturall pronenesse, to yelde to every
temptation vnto sinne. Rom. 7.23.

Quest. VVhat meaneth the Conclu-
sion added to this Prayer: For thine
is the Kingdome, Power and Glory, Mat.6. 13.
for

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for euer and euer? Amen.

Answ. It teacheth vs to humble and
Gen. 18. 27 abase our selues in Prayers before
2 Cor. 1. 20 God, vitterly to deny all that is in vs,
Philip. 4. 6. to relye vpon his willingnesse to heare
vs, and his abilitie to graunt our re-
quests, as also to stire vs vp to thaks-
giving.

Quest. VVhat is Thankesgiuing.

Rom. 7.12. Answ. It is the praysing and magni-
fying of the Lord, who is the Authour
and fountaine of all good things.

Quest. May we not give thanks to
Angels or Saints.

Jerem. 7.5 An. No: for that were manifest Id-
olatry.

Quest. Should we not bee thankefull
to men.

Esay 51.12 Answ. Yes: but the chiese praise per-
taineth to God.

13. Quest. For what should we praise
God?

1 Thes. 5.18 Answ. For all things that wee have,
Job. 1.21. for prosperity and aduersity, and for
whatsoever it shall please him to give
vs, or to lay vpon vs.

Quest. How often should we praise
God?

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Ans. Continually, as we enjoy his Psal. 149. 5.
benefites, or see his hand vpon vs. Psal. 103. 1.

Q. How should we praise him?

Ans. With mind, heart, dōde, and Deut. 6. 5.
woorkes.

Quest. What is the Conclusion
and summe of all that hath beene spo-
ken, concerning these Principles of
Religion.

Answ. That this is Life eternall to Iohn. 17. 3.
know God through Jesus Christ, to
hōneur him aright, and to believe in
his name.

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